Emergency Vehicle Operators (EVO) Policy

Purpose

The policy is to support the implementation of the State of Utah administrative rules as follows. The requirement will be enforced by July 1, 2014. Strike-outs and underline edits are added for suggested amendments.

R426-4-400. Vehicle Operations.

- (6) Each licensee is responsible for assuring that its vehicles are driven by only trained, experienced, and otherwise qualified personnel. The licensee must, at a minimum document that each of its drivers:
 - (a) Is at least 18 years of age;
 - (b) possesses a valid driver's license
- (c) is trained in the safe operation of emergency vehicles, has completed an approved emergency vehicle operator's course.
 - (d) and possesses a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation card.
- (7) Personnel who do not hold a currently approved emergency medical technician certification are subject to:
- (a) Application;
- (b) Bureau of Criminal Investigations background check;
- (c) and registration with the Department
- (d) Upon successful completion of required items the Department shall issue a driver only registration card.
- (8) (7) The Department shall annually inspect licensees for verification of compliance with this section. Services that are unable to verify compliance are subject to disciplinary action Subsection 63G-3-201(5) and Section 26-23-6.

<u>Training Criteria (adapted from the U.S. Fire Administration – FEMA)</u>

EVO training will include but is not limited to:

- To define the needs analysis for the necessity of an emergency vehicle operators course.
- To identify the problems facing the operators of emergency vehicles.
- To motivate emergency vehicle operators to recognize the importance of emergency vehicle operator training.
- To define the personal qualities and attributes of a candidate for operating an emergency vehicle.
- Review the legal responsibilities of the emergency vehicle operator.
- Discuss the physical forces involved in the operations of an emergency vehicle.
- To express the importance of a preventative vehicle maintenance and maintenance record programs.
- Review agency standard operating procedures.
- To examine the state and local laws dealing with the operation of an emergency vehicle.
- To provide the student the opportunity to perform "hands-on" operation through a designated driving course.